GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expenses of Indian Council of Historical Research have increased from Rs.2.89 crore in 1998-99 to Rs.5.65crore in 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the historians had made allegations of mismanagement of funds and nepotism in awarding fellowships against the Chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research in the annual meeting of the Council on 26 March, 2003;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the Government have taken any initiatives to check the expenses being made by the Council; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) & (b) ICHR has informed that grants-in-aid as indicated below hasbeen received by them from the Ministry of Human Resource Development during the last 4 years.

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No	Year	Plan	Non-Plan
1.	1998-1999	66.25	200.00
2.	1999-2000	90.00	230.00
3.	2000-2001	182.65	251.32
4.	2001-2002	220.00	322.00

The increase in expenditure is mainly due to implementation of 5th Pay Commission Recommendations in respect of Officers and Staff of ICHR, revision of rates of fellowships by the Ministry of HRD and expansion of academic activities of the Council.

(c) & (d) Proceedings of the annual meeting of the Council held on 26th March 2003 have not been received in the Ministry so far.

(e) & (f) The audit of the accounts of ICHR is annually conducted by Director-General of Audit, Central Revenues, New Delhi.